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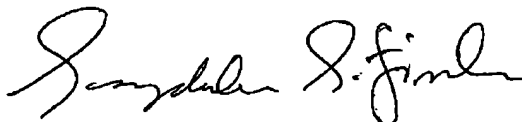
RE: Application No. 09/267,489  
Response to Interview Summary

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Dear Examiner:

Regarding Application Serial No. 09/267,489, for which an Appeal Brief has been filed, we have received the Interview Summary faxed November 20, 2003, informing us that, based on a conclusion of the Appeal Conference participants, claim 7 has been determined to be allowable, if placed in independent form. Regarding this communication, Applicants respectfully request clarification on the following: if Applicants were to place claim 7 in independent form, would the application then issue as a patent with claim 7, without further review by any other personnel or time delay, or would the application with the allowed claim 7 then be forwarded for further review to the Second Pair Of Eyes process? Applicants appreciated Examiner's time in responding to this inquiry.

Sincerely,



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